

**MINUTES OF THE
FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES (FICEMS)**

DATE AND TIME: September 7, 2000 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services
Systems (MIEMSS)
653 West Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland

**MEMBER AGENCY
REPRESENTATION:**

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Mr. William Troup
Acting FICEMS Chairperson
United States Fire Administration

Department of Agriculture
Mr. Bill Barrett

Federal Communications Commission
No Representative

Department of Defense
No Representative

General Services Administration
Mr. Mel Globerman

Department of Health and Human Services
No Representative

Department of Interior
No Representative

Department of Transportation
Captain Garry Criddle
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/
United States Coast Guard

Department of Veterans Affairs
Mr. William Hansbury

**OTHER FEDERAL
ATTENDEES:**

Mr. Jeff Dyar
United States Fire Administration
National Fire Academy

Mr. Terry Glunt
United States Fire Administration
National Fire Academy

Ms. Susan Hernandez
United States Fire Administration
National Fire Academy

Ms. Cindy Wivell
United States Fire Administration
National Fire Academy

Captain Art French, M.D.
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/
United States Coast Guard

Mr. Chap Pierce
U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Mr. Mike Moore
U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Mr. Chad Parker
Department of Agriculture

Ms. Lu Lathan
NTIS
Department of Commerce

Dr. Jerry Mothershead, M.D. (via Conference Call)
U.S. Navy
Department of Defense

**OTHER ATTENDEES
PRIVATE SECTOR:**

Mr. Steve Haracznak
American Ambulance Association (AAA)

Mr. Joseph Robison
National Volunteer Fire Council

Dr. Sandy Bogucki, M.D.
National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP)

Dr. Carin VanGelder, M.D.
Yale School of Medicine

Lt. Kim Vogts
Prince Georges County Fire Rescue

Mr. Pete Chambers
American Society for Testing and Materials

Dr. Robert Bass, M.D.
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services
Systems (MIEMSS)

Mr. Monty Magee
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services
Systems (MIEMSS)

Dr. Nadine Levick, M.D.
Johns Hopkins University

Mr. Billy Rutherford
AITS

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Acting FICEMS Chairperson
Mr. Troup.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Troup thanked Dr. Bass and MIEMSS for offering to host this meeting and offer a post-meeting tour of Shock-Trauma. Dr. Bass introduced several members of the MIEMSS staff.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Acting Chairperson requested approval of the FICEMS Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2000. The minutes were approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Troup reported accomplishment on the action item having Dr. Robert Bass attend a FICEMS meeting to provide information on Public Access Defibrillation that will be conducted during this meeting, as requested at the March 2 FICEMS meeting.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technology – Captain Criddle reported that Dr. French wants to tie in a lot of Department of Defense efforts into the work of the subcommittee.

Ambulance Design - Mel Globerman was unable to attend and Mr. Troup read the written report submitted by Mr. Globerman on this committee. GSA has extended their ambulance contract with Wheeled Coach Corporation of Florida.

GSA met with ASTM who requested that GSA drop the Federal Specification for Ambulances (KKK-A-1822). GSA reported that this was not possible at this time but would consider ASTM's request.

GSA is trying to finish the final draft of the proposed KKK-A-1822E GSA Federal Ambulance Design standard and are scheduled to meet with the Ambulance Manufacturers Association for a final review. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for sometime in October in Florida.

GSA has an opening for an Automotive Engineer. If you know of one who is looking for work please let Mr. Globerman know.

V. MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS:

NTIS: Ms. Lathan reported that NTIS is doing a lot of satellite broadcasts for agencies such as Social Security as well as a lot of video production.

DOL/OSHA: Mr. Moore briefed on a recent court decision involving use of consensus standards holding a trade association responsible for damages due to their development of a consensus standard.

Dr. Mothershead provided information that there is a public law and OMB Circular (A-119) requiring that Federal agencies use already existing consensus standards.

Mr. Pierce provided a report of OSHA activities that are of interest to the FICEMS committee membership (Attachment #1).

USDA: Mr. Barrett reported that he is retiring and that Mr. Chap Parker will be the new USDA representative to FICEMS.

VA: Mr. Hansbury reported that he will be representing the new director of EMS for VA, Dr. Kristi Koenig. He also reported that VA has tremendous EMS response capability.

NHTSA: Captain Criddle briefed on NHTSA activities (Attachment #2).

He also mentioned that a recent General Accounting Office (GAO) report on WMD Training showed a training cost of \$759 per student. The USFA/NFA training cost reflected a training cost of \$42 per student.

Captain Criddle on statistics on the number of EMT's, Firefighters, Police Officers, etc. (Attachment #3)

Dr. French reported on Federal efforts dealing with errors in medicine. For more information on this topic he mentioned that there a website ([www:quic.gov](http://www.quic.gov) - QUality Interagency Coordination Task Force) that may be referred to. He believes that these efforts should be incorporated into EMS.

Dr. French also mentioned that the Public Health Services Agency on Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) has a 50 million dollar grant program dealing with the study of human errors in medicine.

Dr. French also briefed on the DOT Intelligent Transport System (ITS) program and developing input and coordination with the emergency services community.

Mr. Troup briefed that USFA has recently met with a representative of the DOT ITS program to discuss working together in partnership on this. He also reported on the USFA partnership with the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association with the development of a national white paper on protecting emergency responders on America's Highways.

FEMA/USFA: Mr. Dyar briefed about the USFA EMS Team and introduced team members.

Mr. Dyar also briefed USFA may be looking into potential research areas such as workplace violence in the emergency services, effectiveness of rehabilitation, etc.

He also reported that he would like to look into the effectiveness of current CISM programs. He would like to meet with interested parties.

He briefed that he would like to examine EMS data as it relates to fire services, may work with the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) on this.

He briefed on USFA's interest in strategic partnerships.

Mr. Dyar reported that there are current openings in the Advanced Leadership Issues for EMS and ALS for HAZMAT classes.

He also mentioned that he is involved with the planning of the upcoming National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) conference in Dallas, Texas. If anyone wishes to provide input, please let him know.

Mr. Troup provided additional information related to the USFA partnership with the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association with the development of a national white paper on protecting emergency responders on America's Highways and that a copy of the report is available on the USFA website at www.usfa.fema.gov.

DOD: Dr. Mothershead reported that the DOD has moved the oversight of military support to civil authorities under the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civil Support.

VI. PRIVATE SECTOR AGENCY REPORTS:

Johns Hopkins University: Dr. Levick reported on the full ambulance crash test performed recently. She thanked those who have provided support for this research effort. If anyone requires any further information on this to please let her know.

American Ambulance Association (AAA): Mr. Haraczak provided input on AAA activities of interest to FICEMS membership (Attachment #4).

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC): Mr. Robison reported that the NVFC will have its next semi-annual meeting October 12-14 in Daytona Beach, Florida.

National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP): Dr. Bogucki reported that the NAEMSP will have its next meeting at Sanibel Island, Florida on January 17-20, 2001.

AITs: Mr. Rutherford mentioned that he is working with the Social Security Administration to meet close captioning requirement of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) (Ruling #508).

He also reported that he is working with the Naval School of Health Care Science on first care burn treatment in response to crashes, including mass casualties.

He is also working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on Information Technology issues to support FAA inspectors.

Mr. Rutherford also mentioned that he is looking to develop training programs and standards for wheelchair vans.

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM): Mr. Chambers reported that the ASTM Ground Ambulance Design Standard (F 30.01.01) is in final ballot and should be published by the end of the year. He also reported that the ASTM Air Ambulance Standard (F 30.01.02) should be out in ballot in Spring 2001.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Bass provided a briefing on Public Access Defibrillation at the National Perspective.

Dr. French provided a follow-on briefing on Public Access Defibrillation from the Federal-sector perspective.

As Captain Criddle is stepping down as Chair of the FICEMS Technology Subcommittee nominations were requested to replace Captain Criddle. Dr. French and Mr. Troup were nominated to serve as co-chairs of the committee. They were selected as the co-chairs of the subcommittee by vote of the Federal Agency Attendees.

VIII. NEXT MEETING:

Date and Time: December 7, 2000, 10:30 a.m.

Location (Tentative): Department of Transportation Headquarters
Washington, D.C.
Room to be Determined

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned by Acting Chairperson Troup at 1:00 p.m.

X. POST-MEETING ACTIVITY (Optional)

Tour of MIEMSS SYSCOM and Shock-Trauma Medical Facility (1 p.m.)